

Keiser's, Hinemanus, Wertz's Newcomers and others; all honored and respected and earnest. The country church,—Silver Creek, has its Brown's, Martins, Kanaurers, Yagels, Eberlys and others all faithful and earnest. God blessed my ministry among them to the awakening of some souls, which are bright and shining lights in the church.

During the last three and a half years, Preble county has been my home and the scene of pastoral work. If any part of Ohio is dearer to me than the rest, that part is Southern Ohio,—with the churches at Winchester, W. Alexandria and Farmersville. The country is the most beautiful, the roads are the best, and the people most loved. I thought, however, that many had grown indifferent, and that a change of pastors would do them good, and without consulting them made a proposition to the California Brethren, in answer to a call received from them. My proposition was accepted, and the announcement made that two weeks hence I would preach my farewell sermons, and depart at once for the new field of labor. Too late I discovered my mistake, but unfortunately it could not be undone. The parting was too sad to be borne save by the help of the precious hope that we can meet again. A few days before leaving, I had the pleasure of administering the rite of baptism to four precious souls, and of receiving them into full fellowship in the church at Winchester; and during my pastorate there, I had performed a similar office for more than one hundred persons. God be praised for whatever of success resulted from the work. Southern Ohio is a great field for the Brethren cause, but reapers and sowers to, are much too few. The fields were opening more and more each year, but too much work forbade my entering them, I worked hard but even then I could not keep pace with demand. Some idea can be had of the extent of my duties when I tell you that during my last years work there I held 292 services. More workers, is the great demand, and I am glad to know that the missionary fever has broken out in our camp. May it reach out into the farthest corners of our brotherhood, stirring up both ministry and laity to its great importance, and send forth reapers into the harvest. On Sunday Aug. 30, I preached my farewell sermons to overflowing congregations, and on the following morning, started for our new home, 2867 miles away.

My work is left in the hands of Brother and Sister Keim. Without hesitation, I recommend the people to them, and them to the people, hoping that all departments of church work may abundantly prosper

under their care. Their home is Winchester as was also ours, and we hope that our friends may also be theirs. We left brother L. R. Zimmerman, one of our faithful young people, in charge of the S. S. in which he was doing good work. The S. S. C. E. of which Mrs. S. had been president, had proven itself a most encouraging and helpful organization. We left it under the charge of sister Ellen Focht as acting president, Estella Zimmerman, Treasurer and Olie Gibbon, Secretary, with Stovers, Hendrick's and many others, as efficient helpers. Let no step backward be taken, but forward to greater numerical strength, and much greater spiritual power. I am praying for my people in Ohio, for the Ohio Conference and for all departments of work in that cause, which to me is the dearest in the whole world. I ask to be remembered in the prayers of my former co-laborers, that power may be given me to do the work which is here to be done, or left undone. For here too, need sends forth the Macedonian cry "Come over and help us."—Farewell. Your brother in the hope of heaven.

MARTIN SHIVELY.

Lathrop, Cal.

REPORT OF ILLIOKOTA CONFERENCE.

Held at Enon, Iowa, Oct. 13-16, 1896.

TUESDAY EVENING, OCT. 13.

Song Service, led by Chas. Landis, Enon.

Sermon, by Z. T. Livengood, Lanark.

After the sermon the following committees were appointed by the president:

Credentials,—H. S. Enslow, H. R. Hollis, Sadie A. Gibbons.

Resolutions,—J. O. Talley, Clara Flora, Fetter Hall.

Program,—Z. T. Livengood, J. L. Gillin, J. T. Urice.

WEDNESDAY A. M., OCT. 14.

Devotional Service, led by H. R. Hollis.

An Address of Welcome was given by J. L. Gillin, to which sister Clara Flora responded.

The District Mission work was then taken up and a partial report given by the Mission Board after which District Mission Work was discussed. The Mission spirit and the Holy Spirit was greatly manifested in this discussion. The Conference felt led by the Holy Spirit to choose and set apart an evangelist for this district.

On motion it was decided that a ballot be taken as to whom the conference felt was called for evangelist.

The vote resulted as follows:

J. L. Gillin, 31; J. O. Talley, 8;
H. R. Hollis 10; E. E. Haskins 3;
E. L. Hildebrand, 6; J. D. McFaden, 2;
Z. T. Livennood, 15; H. S. Enslow, 2.
Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY P. M., OCT. 14.

Song Service, conducted by Chas. Landis.

Chicago Mission Work was then presented by J. D. McFaden.

Discussion by S. A. Gibbons, J. O. Talley.

Motion made that we send and set apart sister S. A. Gibbons for the Mission Work in Chicago.

E. L. Hollis read a paper on "Foreign Missions in the Brethren Church."

Discussion, J. L. Gillin.

The conference, on motion, decided that, if opportunity presents itself, we send a missionary to a foreign field under the auspices of this district.

Sister S. A. Gibbons spoke on "Lay Members in Church Work."

S. J. Harrison being absent, Fetter Hall opened the discussion on "The Relation of Benevolence to Spiritual Growth."

By motion discussion was deferred until Thursday, then continued by H. S. Enslow.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCT. 14.

Prayer and Praise Service, by E. L. Hollis.

Sermon, J. D. McFaden.

After sermon, sister S. A. Gibbons was set apart for Mission Work in Chicago by "Laying on of hands."

A subscription was taken for Chicago Missions and \$200 were subscribed for that work.

THURSDAY A. M., OCT. 15.

Devotional Exercises, led by H. S. Enslow.

The report of District Sunday-schools was given by Lizzie Hildebrand.

Motion made that said report be adopted and incorporated in the minutes.

A very complete statistical report of all the schools in the District was presented, giving the total enrollment, average attendance, literature used, the collection, number of teachers and officers, when organized, and number of scholars who have united with the church. There are three union schools in the District, one of which uses Brethren Literature, the others Cook's, All Brethren schools use Brethren Literature.

Sunday-school Work. Wm. Crownover told us how to prepare and teach a S. S. lesson.

Discussion, Emma Lichty.